

Florence, New Jersey
March 1, 2017

The Florence Township Council held a regular meeting on the above date in the Municipal Complex, 711 Broad Street, Florence, New Jersey.

The meeting was called to order by Council President Lovenduski at 8:00 PM. Council President Lovenduski led the Salute to the Flag.

The Opening Statement was read by the Acting Township Clerk: Notice was sent to the Trenton Times for information; posted on the municipal bulletin board; placed on the web-site on January 5th, 2017; and advertised in the Burlington Co. Times on January 8th, 2017.

Present: Frank Baldorossi, Jerry Sandusky, David Woolston, Ted Lovenduski
Absent: Paul Ostrander

Also present: Mayor Craig H. Wilkie; Richard A. Brook, Township Administrator; Thomas A. Sahol, Assistant Township Administrator, Kelly Grant, Esq., Township Attorney; Nancy L. Erlston, Acting Township Clerk

MINUTES

Baldorossi made a MOTION; seconded by Sandusky to approve the following minutes. Roll call vote – all ayes. Motion carried. Unanimous approval.

- Township Council Executive Session – January 11, 2017
- Township Council Regular Session – January 18, 2017
- Township Council Closed Session – February 15, 2017

FINANCIAL CORRESPONDENCE

It was the MOTION of Sandusky; seconded by Woolston to receive and file the Tax Collector's Tax Report for January and the Tax Collector's 2016 Annual Report of Tax Receipts. Roll call vote - all ayes. Unanimous approval.

It was on the MOTION of Woolston; seconded by Baldorossi to approve the **Treasurer's Bill List**.

Upon roll call, Council voted as follows:

YEAS: Baldorossi, Sandusky, Woolston, Lovenduski

NOES: None

ABSENT: Ostrander

Motion carried. Unanimous approval.

REGULAR CORRESPONDENCE

- A. Mayor and Township Council, FROM: NJ ABC RE: Social Affair Permit
Florence Township FOP Lodge 210, April 7, 2017 - 6:00 p.m. to 11:00 p.m.

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- B. Mayor & Council, From: Judith King, President – Florence Historical Society
Re: Open House, Sunday, 4/2/17 from 1:00 p.m. – 3:00 p.m.
- C. Invitation to AFAR Fundraiser, Saturday, March 25, 2017.
- D. Mayor & Council, From: Martin Eckert, Jr., Recreation Director
Re: 2017 Francis W. Robbins Post 194 Car Show, Saturday, May 20, 2017

It was the Motion of Baldorossi, seconded by Woolston to receive and file Correspondence A through D. All ayes.

Mayor Wilkie said regarding the AFAR fundraiser, he was made aware that there might be someone from the Governor's Office attending as well as other elected officials, such as Senator Diane Allen and Assemblyman Troy Singleton. He wanted Council to be aware. He is going to try and attend. It is run by two Florence residents.

APPLICATIONS

- A. Florence Township Civic Association to benefit Florence Twp. FOP "Police Unity Tour"
On-Site 50/50, April 7, 2017, 6:00 p.m. to 12:00 a.m.
On-Site Merchandise Raffle, April 7, 2017 6:00 p.m. to 12:00 a.m.
Florence Township Community Center, Main Street, Roebling.

It was the Motion of Sandusky, seconded by Baldorossi to approve the applications.

Upon roll call Council voted as follows:

YEAS: Baldorossi, Sandusky, Woolston, Lovenduski
NOES: None
ABSENT: Ostrander

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Council President Lovenduski opened the meeting to the public at this time.

Joseph Csik, 45 East Fifth Street, said the measures to slow speeding on his street are not working. He would like to have a camera installed that would record license plates and speeds. Mayor Wilkie explained that is something the police would have to figure out technology-wise if it is available and what the cost would be.

Administrator Brook said in New Jersey tickets cannot be issued in that manner. He said he would talk to the Chief of Police to see if there is a way to identify those who are speeding and put them on notice.

John Chester, 15 Abrams Drive, asked for an overview of Resolution No. 2017-74. Mayor Wilkie said it refers to the area known as the Ready Pac property.

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In 2005 Ready Pac got permission for expansion. Last year they approached the Township and said they wanted to do something as Foxdale Properties that would have less of an impact than what the expansion would have. They proposed an apartment complex. That's how the conversation turned to the residential use. Every municipality in the State must provide affordable housing. This was an opportunity to seek a less intensive use and reduce the commercial.

Mayor Wilkie indicated on a map where it would be. The Township has been cleaning the properties in the area. Administrator Brook said one property on Railroad Avenue that the Township cleaned up was so bad people entering had to wear protective clothing. Another was infested with mosquitos. The properties were beyond blighted.

Florence has been very proactive with its affordable housing. This complex will be 330 units. Fifty of those will be COAH units. None of it will be Section 8. One rule for COAH is that the units cannot be different than the regular units. He shared the rendering with the public and described what the complex would look like. He noted there would be buffering for those who lived near the site. All of the access is from Railroad Avenue. The Township has found it is easier to maintain when they are rental units versus ownership. Sometimes an owner can't keep up with the cost, or a property owner passes away and no one maintains it.

Kristan Marter, 220 East Front Street, asked how tall the buildings would be. Council President Lovenduski said the buildings are taller, but the grade at that area sits down about 15' lower than Delaware Avenue. Administrator Brook the maximum height allowed is 35'. Ms. Marter said it was stated that there was a traffic study done in 2006. She asked if there would be another study done. Council President Lovenduski said there would be another study presented at the Planning Board level. Mayor Wilkie said he wanted to present a timeline for the project. Council will send the redevelopment plan to the Planning Board for review. The Planning Board would then give its recommendation of what it feels is appropriate. It comes back to Council and then Council can adopt the plan. Once Council adopts, Foxdale Properties can make application through the Planning Board.

Ms. Marter asked how the traffic would be managed. Mayor Wilkie said they will need to present to the Planning Board and if the Board feels the traffic is too intense it would have to be resolved. Foxdale would like to create walkways to the light rail stations to reduce the car traffic. Ms. Marter said she didn't see sidewalks in a previous plan. Mayor Wilkie said they are committed to providing sidewalks.

Administrator Brook said at first Foxdale wanted to rent to other users. The municipality didn't think that was a good idea. This is an opportunity to reduce the scope of the building. That would have been more impactful than this residential option.

Ms. Marter asked if this was going to be a taxable property. The residents in the units will be using services the Township provides. Mayor Wilkie said there is no PILOT for this project. Ms. Marter asked if there was enough space in the school system to accommodate the increase in students.

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Mayor Wilkie said that would be part of the Planning Board review. He spoke to the superintendent and there is going to be a study done.

Dianna Hawley, 747 Morris Court, asked about the original plan for Ready Pac. She asked for clarification of where the expansion was going to be. Administrator Brook said the expansion would be attached to the existing building. Mayor Wilkie indicated where it would be. Ms. Hawley asked if there was a setback requirement. She was told there are. Mayor Wilkie explained the setbacks are part of the redevelopment plan and the zoning for the area.

Ms. Hawley said ever since the First Industrial building was put up, for some reason the noise coming from Ready Pac is astounding compared to what it was before. She is concerned with the sound impact if they expand and she would like a sound study done. Council President Lovenduski said that is a conversation that can be held at the Planning Board level.

Councilman Sandusky asked when the Planning Board was reviewing this. Mayor Wilkie explained there is a meeting on March 28th but he doesn't know if this is on the agenda.

Jennifer Brennan, 700 Olive Street, asked how long the project would take and how long the approval process would be. Mayor Wilkie said the approvals could happen this year. Once the redevelopment plan is approved by Council the company can make application to the Planning Board. That could be in June or July and approvals could be in place by August or September. Administrator Brook said he didn't think actual building would start until the spring.

Ms. Brennan asked if something would be done about the traffic because there are already issues and this will add to it. She asked if some of the issues would be addressed before the construction begins. Mayor Wilkie said that would be part of the Planning Board approvals. Administrator Brook said they would have to do improvements as part of the approval. When they do a traffic study they have to indicate the difference of what was approved versus what would be built.

Jane Brennan, 700 Olive Street, asked what was on the site now. Mayor Wilkie said it is vacant land. Ms. Brennan asked if there were trees there, she didn't want to lose the open space or wildlife. Mayor Wilkie explained there were already approvals in place for a massive expansion and permits could be pulled for that at any time, they already own that land. Ms. Brennan asked if there needed to be more affordable housing when there are more warehouses. Mayor Wilkie said the affordable housing is dictated by State requirements. Florence Township has come to an agreement with the Fair Housing Center to meet a certain number by 2025. There will be a new number requirement at that time. Right now there is no set formula to decide affordable housing requirements. He is frustrated that most of the homes in the Township don't get consideration because they were built prior to 1980. Any home does not qualify until it is updated. He is hoping in the next ten years the Township will have a rehabilitation program to renovate some of the homes and make them qualify to increase the numbers.

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Luke Uzupis, 220 East Front Street, had a question about Ordinance No. 2017-04, regarding solar installations. He asked for clarification about the fees. Assistant Administrator Sahol said this makes sure that a resident that is doing a system that may use microinverters gets the benefit of paying a single fee for the entire system. This was brought about by the Electrical Subcode Official, who said it isn't fair the code read the way it did and he thought it was overcharging people. The fees are being minimized. What could have a \$300-\$400 fee is now going to be \$75. Mr. Uzupis said it makes sense.

Mr. Csik asked who he should contact if he had a problem with school buses speeding. He asked if he should take the issue to the Board of Education. Mayor Wilkie suggested if he observed something inappropriate he should contact the school district. If he observes something that is a violation of the law, he should contact the Police Department. Mr. Csik said he has seen buses speeding several times.

Michelle Rosenblum, 19 Buttonwood Drive, said she had questions regarding the Foxdale Properties project. She asked if the Township acquired any properties and if it would be acquiring more. Mayor Wilkie said in the areas that need to be acquired, the Township is working with the residents. The Township will purchase the properties. If a resident is not willing to settle the Township has put in place that eminent domain could possibly happen. There are three private owners. Administrator Brook said if the township purchased a property it would recover the funds when the property was sold to the developer.

Ms. Rosenblum asked if any of the property owners were notified at the time that this area was in a redevelopment area. Assistant Administrator said there are four lots that contain structures and three common owners, meaning there are only three homes that are occupied. One of the properties has hundreds of thousands of dollars of liens against it. The Township hopes to acquire it from the bank. It was a blighted property that the Township cleaned up. The next step would be to speak to the homeowners. Notification was sent to homeowners. The Township has been contacted by homeowners who are interested in selling. The Township sits down and meets with homeowners and communicates. The Township would never start out with eminent domain. Even with the Nirdip Motel, that was an acquisition. It was blighted and that area looks much better now.

Ms. Rosenblum asked if there were maximum occupancy numbers for units. Mayor Wilkie said he thought that would be something that could be determined at the Planning Board level. Council President Lovenduski said he thought that would be something that would be easier to enforce in rental units than a home owned by an individual. Administrator Brook said there are occupancy limits for commercial buildings, homes and apartments.

Richard Mullen, 14 McCay Drive, asked if there would be a buffer zone between McCay Drive and where the apartments are being built. Mayor Wilkie said there is 200' from the property line, then there is a road and there is green space. Mr. Mullen asked if residents should have been notified about the project. Mayor Wilkie said notification would be given when the application goes before the Planning Board. Anyone within 200' of the property would receive notification.

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John Chester, 15 Abrams Drive, asked if there was going to be any kind of fence around the property. Administrator Brook said he is sure if they were asked they would install a fence. Mr. Chester said they are going to be called the Florence Station Apartments, so are they going to fix up the train station. Mayor Wilkie said the building will be removed as part of the clean-up process on Railroad Avenue. There would be walking paths installed. Mr. Chester asked about dust control measures during construction. He was assured there would be dust control requirements.

Administrator Brook said he would like Assistant Administrator Sahol to address the old train station, the Township has been trying to get something done. It is uninhabitable. Assistant Administrator Sahol said NJ Transit preserved it and left it alone. They had no interest in it. Their preservation was just abandonment. The building is in horrible condition. The pillars are corroded and are rotting away. NJ Transit knows they can't touch it because it is protected. The Township is trying to receive permission to do something.

Council President Lovenduski said this point Council had business to attend to. He stated that there would be another opportunity at the end of the meeting for public comment.

It was the Motion of Woolston, seconded by Ostrander to close the public portion of the meeting.

RESOLUTIONS

RESOLUTION NO. 2017-71 Introduce 2017 Municipal Budget

RESOLUTION NO. 2017-72 Self-Examination of 2017 Budget

RESOLUTION NO. 2017-73 Authorize Refund Construction Permit Fee

RESOLUTION NO. 2017-74 Resolution of the Township Council of the Township of Florence Referring a Proposed Redevelopment Plan for Parcels Within the Highway 130 Redevelopment Area (2013) to the Township of Florence Planning Board, and Directing the Planning Board to Take Certain Actions Pursuant to N.J.S.A. 40A:12A-7(e)

RESOLUTION NO. 2017-75 Extension of Time for Payment of Water & Sewer Special Assessment

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**RESOLUTION NO. 2017-76
Resolution Establishing the 2017
Temporary Capital Budget**

It was the Motion of Woolston and seconded by Baldorossi to approve Resolution Nos. 2017-71 through 2017-76.

Upon roll call, Council voted as follows:

YEAS: Baldorossi, Sandusky, Woolston, Lovenduski

NOES: None

ABSENT: Ostrander

Motion carried. Unanimous approval.

ORDINANCES

ORDINANCE 2017-03

**AN ORDINANCE SUPPLEMENTING CHAPTER 64 OF THE TOWNSHIP CODE
OF THE TOWNSHIP OF FLORENCE ENTITLED “CONSTRUCTION CODES,
UNIFORM” TO CREATE LOCAL CONSTRUCTION CODE REQUIREMENTS TO
PROHIBIT INTENTIONAL ABANDONMENT AND CONCEALMENT
OF DEMOLISHED STRUCTURES
(2nd Reading) (Public Hearing & Adoption)**

Council President Lovenduski opened the meeting to the public regarding Ordinance No. 2017-03. Seeing no one wishing to be heard it was the Motion of Sandusky, seconded by Baldorossi to close the public hearing. All ayes.

It was the Motion of Baldorossi, seconded by Sandusky to adopt Ordinance No. 2017-03.

Upon roll call, Council voted as follows:

YEAS: Baldorossi, Sandusky, Woolston, Lovenduski

NOES: None

ABSENT: Ostrander

Motion carried. Unanimous approval.

ORDINANCE NO. 2017-04

**AN ORDINANCE OF THE TOWNSHIP OF FLORENCE
AMENDING CHAPTER 64 OF THE TOWNSHIP CODE
TO ESTABLISH FEES FOR CERTAIN SOLAR
INSTALLATIONS AND ASSOCIATED EQUIPMENT
(1st Reading) (Public Hearing & Adoption 4/5/17)**

It was the Motion of Sandusky, seconded by Baldorossi to approve Ordinance No. 2017-04 and set the public hearing and adoption for April 5, 2017.

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Upon roll call, Council voted as follows:

YEAS: Baldorossi, Sandusky, Woolston, Lovenduski

NOES: None

ABSENT: Ostrander

Motion carried.

ORDINANCE NO. 2017-05

**AN ORDINANCE AMENDING AND SUPPLEMENTING CHAPTER 116
OF THE MUNICIPAL CODE OF THE TOWNSHIP OF FLORENCE
ENTITLED "PROPERTY MAINTENANCE" TO ESTABLISH RENTAL
PROPERTY REGULATIONS BY CREATING ARTICLE 3 TO CHAPTER 116 TO
ESTABLISH A REGISTRATION REQUIREMENT FOR
RENTAL PROPERTIES AND LANDLORDS AND SUPPLEMENTING
CHAPTER 2 OF THE MUNICIPAL CODE ENTITLED "FEES"
(1st Reading) (Public Hearing & Adoption 4/5/17)**

It was the Motion of Baldorossi, seconded by Sandusky to approve Ordinance No. 2017-05 and set the public hearing and adoption for April 5, 2017.

Upon roll call, Council voted as follows:

YEAS: Baldorossi, Sandusky, Woolston, Lovenduski

NOES: None

ABSENT: Ostrander

Motion carried.

ORDINANCE NO. 2017-06

**AN ORDINANCE OF THE TOWNSHIP OF FLORENCE, IN THE COUNTY OF
BURLINGTON, NEW JERSEY, PROVIDING FOR IMPROVEMENTS TO
TOWNSHIP ROADS AND STREETS IN AND FOR THE TOWNSHIP,
APPROPRIATING \$1,900,000 THEREFOR, AND AUTHORIZING THE
ISSUANCE OF \$1,805,000 IN GENERAL IMPROVEMENT BONDS OR
NOTES OF THE TOWNSHIP TO FINANCE THE SAME
(1st Reading) (Public Hearing & Adoption 4/5/17)**

It was the Motion of Baldorossi, seconded by Woolston to approve Ordinance No. 2017-06 and set the public hearing and adoption for April 5, 2017.

Upon roll call, Council voted as follows:

YEAS: Baldorossi, Sandusky, Woolston, Lovenduski

NOES: None

ABSENT: Ostrander

Motion carried.

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REPORTS

Committees, Boards and Officers:

Administration

Mayor

Mayor Wilkie said the budget that was introduced tonight has no increase in the tax rate. The tax rate has remained stable since 2012. The Water & Sewer rates are also staying the same. The road program is continuing this year and the services provided by the Township are remaining the same or expanding where necessary in order to keep things efficient.

He said there are a couple community events coming up. The community free ham dinner is this Saturday. It is at the Methodist Church in Roebling from 5pm-7pm. It is being held by a local Girl Scout. It is a free dinner. Donations are welcome and will be used for food pantries.

The Presbyterian Church will be holding its annual pasta dinner. It is also on Saturday from 4pm-7pm. Sunday morning at the Community Center the Diamond Club will be holding a fundraiser breakfast. It is from 8am-11am.

Next Thursday, Friday and Saturday the high school will be performing its play, The Little Mermaid. There is a stuffed cabbage sale scheduled for March 25th at Saint Mary's.

He reminded everyone this was the only meeting for March. The next Council meeting will be held on April 5th.

Councilman Sandusky said the ham dinner that was mentioned was organized by a young lady that is earning her Girl Scout Gold Award. It is a big project that she has taken. She is going to hold four or five more dinners. It is a free dinner but donations would help her greatly. He hopes to be able to attend.

Mayor Wilkie explained the landlord registration fee. About twenty five years ago the Township created a Landlord Registration Form for rental properties. It was an honor system and the law said there would need be a new registration if there was a change in occupancy. Many were honest and did that. Others did not. There are a number of rentals that aren't registered and the occupancies change and no information is provided. This ordinance requires annual registration in January for any rental property. There is a \$25 fee. It provides local contacts and lets the Code Office be sure everything is in good working order. It does not require an inspection but if there are concerns one would be done. The important piece is the contact information. There are landlords out there who are absent, this requires them to be registered. Administrator Brook said it also addresses the question of occupancy limits. It will require the landlord to let the Township know who is living in a unit and how many people are in a unit. The Township intends to move from here to eventually also have a registration for abandoned properties. Mayor Wilkie said if a rental is inspected by the State, it would not be required to be registered. This is for the one and two unit properties. Three or more units are monitored by the State.

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Assistant Municipal Administrator

Assistant Administrator Sahol said Council received and filed a memo regarding the car show and the Florence Historical Society Open House. He asked if Mayor and Council were in agreement with those two items. All were in agreement for both events to move forward.

Public Comments: Open to the Public

Council President Lovenduski opened the meeting to the public.

Ms. Marter said there has been a significant increase in truck traffic on Front Street, particularly at night. She wonders what can be done to get the electronic speed sign. She was told to contact the Police Department, it can be requested through their website. Ms. Marter said most of the trucks seem to be heading from River Road toward Route 130.

Ms. Marter asked if there had been any further conversations about a bypass. Mayor Wilkie said the Delaware Valley Regional Planning Commission is in the process of conducting a study from Hornberger Avenue and the Roebling Steel site to Burlington City at the US Pipe site. They will be focusing on the intersections in the area and studying traffic patterns and pedestrian activity among other things. There should be a draft of the report available this summer.

Ms. Hawley asked how the landlord registration requirement was going to be enforced. She knows there are properties in her neighborhood that are being rented, but no one knows about it. She also knows of a home not far from her that has a "For Rent" sign. She asked if she could provide a picture. She was told yes, she could send a picture. She has noticed there are eight to ten people living in some of the houses near her and she is concerned.

Jennifer Brennan said there is a truck that comes near Olive Street at 3am every day, so it may be the truck that Ms. Marter said she was hearing. She said he blows through the intersection. She has been in contact with Captain Brian Boldizar about it.

Ms. Brennan said she has lived here for twelve years but did not come to the meetings until she started having issues with Amazon. They are horrible neighbors. She keeps hearing they are great neighbors, but she disagrees. She keeps hearing noise from Amazon. It sounds like a roller coaster going all night long. There is banging and it is so loud she can't sleep. Her quality of life is suffering and that is why she has been coming to the Council meetings. She would like to have a sound wall between her property and Amazon.

John Hatalovsky, 20 Third Avenue, said he applied for a handicapped parking spot. His wife has had cancer for eleven years and she is not able to walk far. He is a 90 year old disabled veteran. He received a letter that his request was denied. He went to see the Township Clerk and was told they stopped issuing the parking spots. He didn't apply before because he had a neighbor that didn't want him to put it up. They had two cars and two motorcycles and wanted to be able to park them near their home. They have since moved away. He discussed his time in the service and some of the places had been and things he had done.

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His wife had an operation in 2006. At that time a spot was found on her liver and it was determined to be cancerous. They went to Fox Chase Cancer Center and she was operated on. She fought hard and she did return to work. She was doing well for a while but she recently fell ill. She has been receiving treatments every four weeks for the last twelve years. They were at a treatment this evening and didn't return until about 6pm. When he got home there weren't any parking spaces and his wife can't walk well. He felt they should be able to get a parking space. He discussed his love for children and how he tries to help them. He was a Scoutmaster and also was involved with other activities for kids. He was also a volunteer with the emergency medical services. He and his wife raised two children. He helped the people of Roebling and now he is asking for help.

Administrator Brook said the issue can be revisited. There is a long history with the issues of handicapped parking. Mayor Wilkie said former Mayor George Sampson was able to get a doctor that gave an independent review and there was a process in place. People started treating the doctor horribly so he said he would no longer do the reviews. Administrator Brook said it is heartbreaking and difficult. The hardest part was differentiating between individuals that needed it and didn't need it. One person used it as his own personal parking space on Second Avenue. He would cover the car and wouldn't move the car. Another person had a handicapped spot and rode her bike all over town. There were times when neighbors would complain to the Township about giving certain people spots. Every time the Township tried to find middle ground it was very difficult. Unfortunately sometimes it was neighbor against neighbor. He agrees that this is a case that would warrant a spot. It is a very difficult subject and it was made harder by the abuse of individuals who would seek it and pull the wool over the Township's eyes and use it for other purposes. Over time the town decided to not issue them. It has been about ten years since a new one was issued and there are only three or four still in the community. It is a very difficult and heartbreaking subject.

Councilman Sandusky suggested a temporary spot on the days his wife has to go to hospital. Councilman Lovenduski said it would be nice to be able to talk to the neighbors and get cooperation, but the reality is that it won't happen. Administrator Brook said the Township will look at options and see if there is a way to do something. The Township tries to be as fair and reasonable as possible and Mr. Hatalovsky has a valid request. The Township can look at it again and see if there is something that can be done on a temporary basis. Mayor Wilkie said he has been in office six years and this is the first time it has come to the level of Council. He receives copies of the denials that are issued. He advised that before a decision is made the denials should be reviewed. He wanted Council to be aware of how wide spread this could be.

Mr. Csik asked if the Mayor or Council could have the police issue a summons for harassment for not wanting someone to have a handicapped parking spot. Administrator Brook said the Township used to issue generic handicapped spaces, but other people were parking in the spots. The Township then issued spots with a specific license plate number to prevent that. That worked well for a while, until it came to a point where some people would get the parking spots and abuse them. That was the difficult part of this issue. When you meet a gentleman like Mr. Hatalovsky your heart aches because he is not a person that would abuse it.

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If the Township does decide to issue it they will receive calls from others who want a spot but were denied. This has been a very difficult topic over the years. He is more than willing to look at it again and see if there is a way to help the gentleman. The Mayor is right, there are many pitfalls. There are some residents who do not show the same level of compassion as others.

Ms. Rosenblum asked if it was possible to acquire some land for municipal parking lots. Council President Lovenduski said there are many municipal lots. Where Mr. Hatalovsky lives there is a parking lot but his wife can't walk that far. Ms. Rosenblum said she was just wondering because she sees many complaints on social media about parking issues. It seems there is a parking deficiency in Roebling. Council discussed some of the issues. Council President Lovenduski said there are two lots within 100 yards of Mr. Hatalovsky's house. There is another one about 150 yards. It is not for a lack of trying. There are nine municipal parking lots in Roebling. Assistant Administrator Sahol said improvements have been made that are within walking distance for most residents. There is a lot of concern with parking in the village. Over the last twenty years the Township has done a great deal of improvements. Just on Riverside Avenue the parking lot at the end of Second Avenue was paved, there is parking between Second and Third Avenues and there is additional parking planned along more of the park. There is substantial center line parking on Main Street. There is more at the end of Seventh Avenue behind the library. There is another lot and the end of Third Avenue. There are two lots near Amboy and Railroad Avenues. There is a great deal of parking that was created in the village to hopefully allow people to do the right thing. People that are able should take the little extra walk. There are people who just want to have all of their vehicles right in front of their home.

Ms. Hawley asked if residents could do a petition to help him. Council President Lovenduski said she could try to get his neighbors to agree to leave a spot open for him, but he knows there is one resident that will park there, because that is the kind of person they are. Parking in Roebling is something that will be a struggle forever.

It was the Motion of Woolston, seconded by Sandusky to close the public comments. All ayes.

ADJOURNMENT

9:24 PM MOTION of Woolston; seconded by Sandusky to adjourn to closed session. Roll call vote – all ayes. Motion carried. Meeting adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

Nancy L. Erlston
Acting Township Clerk
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